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FM AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 4900

INFO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

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USCINCSO

C O N F I D E N T I A L SAN SALVADOR 0932

E.O. 11652 - GDS

TAGS: PINT, ES

SUBJECT: ATTACK ON CCE

REF: SAN SALVADOR 0919

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1. GOES HAS PUBLICLY CONFIRMED THAT TWO NATIONAL GUARDSMEN WHO WERE SHOT DURING TERRORIST ATTACK ON ELECTORAL COUNCIL OFFICES THIS MORNING(REFTEL) HAVE DIED. CCE EMPLOYEE CLAIMS HE SHOT AND WOUNDED TWO OF THE ATTACKERS AND WITNESSES CLAIM TO HAVE SEEN WOUNDED MEN BEING DRAGGED TO A GETAWAY CAR. ARMY AND NATIONAL POLICE ARE ANNOYED WITH THE NATIONAL GUARD SINCE THEY SUGGESTED TO THE GUARD EARLIER THAT ITS FORCE AT THE CCE BE INCREASED IN VIEW OF VARIOUS THREATS RECEIVED AT THAT OFFICE. SECURITY FORCES THUS FAR HAVE NO LEADS AS TO IDENTITY OF PERPETRATORS ALTHOUGH SOME
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OFFICERS, IN CONVERSATIONS WITH EMBOFF'S, LINK THIS AND PREVIOUS

TERRORIST ATTACKS TO DUARTE'S RETURN. WE CONSIDER THIS TO BE IRRATIONAL THINKING.

2. MINISTER OF INTERIOR MARTINEZ VARELA IN INTERVIEW TOLD RADIO REPORTER THAT A STATE OF SIEGE WOULD NOT BE CALLED BECAUSE OF CCE ATTACK AND TERMED SUCH AN ACTION "A LAST RESORT". MARTINEZ VARELA ASSERTED RAID WAS DESIGNED TO CREATE CLIMATE OF FEAR AS ELECTIONS APPROACH. HE CONTENDED GOES WILL GUARANTEE ELECTIONS AND THAT SECURITY VIGILANCE IS BEING INCREASED. (WE UNDERSTAND GUARD HAS BEEN REINFORCED AT PCN HEADQUARTERS). THE INTERIOR MINISTER DISMISSED AS "UNFOUNDED AND IRRESPONSIBLE" RUMORS THAT ATTACK WAS IN SOME WAY RELATED TO A COUP ATTEMPT. MOSKOWITZ

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